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Subject: RE: Quick Review:

Great, thanks!

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Hi Dave –

Looks good to me.

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Hey, wanted you both to glance at this in case you have any wordsmith recommendations. Given that David and Doug are out of pocket I am not inclined to try to get their input but also please advise if you think we should.

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Hi Eve,

As of this morning EPA has received approximately 290 written comments, and 15 verbal comments.

We can't estimate how much time it will take the Regional Administrator to consider submitted comments and determine if he revises his recommendation found in the draft determination that the proposed machine gun range poses a risk to the sole source aquifer. The timing will depend on volume of comments and the substance of comments.

We similarly can not predict how much time the Administrator may take to consider this, should the Regional Administrator's recommendation continue as announced on April 27.

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Subject: Re: EPA Expands Public Comment Opportunities for Draft Determination to Protect Cape Cod's Sole Source of Drinking Water

Hi Dave --

Hope you're well. I have a few follow up questions as we prepare our listeners for the meeting tomorrow:

1. As of today, how many comments has the EPA received on the SSA report draft findings between the email and phone options?
2. How long does regional administrator David Cash expect to review comments after the comment period is over before sending his recommendation to the administrator in D.C.?
3. How long do you expect the administrator to review the recommendation before issuing a final decision?

Hoping to get these by EOD.

Thank you,

Eve

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Hi Dave --

Posting in the next half hour. Thanks!
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Subject: RE: EPA Expands Public Comment Opportunities for Draft Determination to Protect Cape Cod's Sole Source of Drinking Water

Hi Eve, just checking if you've posted a story? I looked but didn't find anything.

Thanks!

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Excellent. Thanks, Dave.

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**Subject:** RE: EPA Expands Public Comment Opportunities for Draft Determination to Protect Cape Cod's Sole Source of Drinking Water

Hi Eve,

1. How many written comments / and/or RSVPs has the EPA received so far ahead of the public meeting on May 24?

EPA has not requested RSVPs for the Public Hearing so we don't have any concrete information on likely attendance. As of this evening (5/18/2023) we have approximately 170 messages that have been submitted to the email address provided for comments. EPA has not evaluated those at this time.

2. Has the EPA ever introduced a phone line for public comments before?

Yes, we have used a dedicated voice mail box for public comment submissions previously.

3. What is the general run of show for the meeting on the 24th? (Will it begin with a presentation by EPA staff, then open comment period? Something else?)

When people arrive for the meeting and Public Hearing they will be greeted by EPA staff. People will be asked to sign in and also asked if they wish to formally provide verbal comments for the public record on EPA's draft determination under the Safe Drinking Water Act that a Multi-Purpose Machine Gun Range proposed by the Massachusetts Army National Guard may contaminate the Cape Cod Aquifer so as to create a significant public health hazard. If they wish to provide verbal comments their name will be added to a list of people who will speak during the Public Hearing.

At 6:30PM, EPA will begin an informational session for any members of the public who have arrived by that time. This will include a summary of the Sole Source Aquifer program and process, the draft determination of the SSA project review, and a summary of the ways people can submit comments on it.

At 7:00PM EPA will begin the formal public hearing portion of the evening. This is an opportunity for members of the public and interested stakeholders to present their verbal comments on EPA's draft determination. EPA will ask that people focus their comments on potential ground water impacts from the proposed project and keep their comments to 3 minutes in length in order to allow as many people as possible to speak within a reasonable timeframe.

I hope this is helpful.

Best Regards,

Dave

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Subject: EPA Expands Public Comment Opportunities for Draft Determination to Protect Cape Cod's Sole Source of Drinking Water

Hi Dave,

I just wanted to follow up on this release we got yesterday. Now, folks can watch the public meeting next week via Zoom and call into this phone line. But I'm wondering:

1. How many written comments / and/or RSVPs has the EPA received so far ahead of the public meeting on May 24?
2. Has the EPA ever introduced a phone line for public comments before?
3. What is the general run of show for the meeting on the 24th? (Will it begin with a presentation by EPA staff, then open comment period? Something else?)

Please let me know by 9 pm tonight. Thank you!

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Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 2:03 PM

Subject: EPA Expands Public Comment Opportunities for Draft Determination to Protect Cape Cod's Sole Source of Drinking Water



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EPA Expands Public Comment Opportunities for Draft Determination to Protect Cape Cod's Sole Source of Drinking Water

BOSTON – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is increasing the ways members of the public and other interested parties may submit comments regarding the draft determination under the Safe Drinking Water Act that a Multi-Purpose Machine Gun Range proposed to be constructed by the Massachusetts Army National Guard may contaminate the Cape Cod Aquifer. There are no reasonably available alternative drinking water sources for Cape Cod residents should the aquifer become contaminated.

EPA is accepting public comment on this proposal for 60 days, through June 26, and is holding a formal Public Hearing on May 24, 2023. Because EPA anticipates high interest in the May 24 Public Hearing, EPA is expanding the options for people to submit comments for the formal public record of this action.

Public Engagement Process

During the remainder of the 60-day public comment period, the public and interested stakeholders may submit written comments for EPA's consideration.

- Written comments may be submitted to: R1SSAComments@epa.gov
- Verbal comments may be submitted on a voicemail box at (617) 918-1800
- In person comments can be submitted during the public hearing on May 24th.

The May 24, 2023 public hearing will be held at:

Center for Active Living
70 Quaker Meetinghouse Road
Sandwich, Mass.

The formal public hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be preceded by an informational public meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. Individuals with accessibility or translation requests may contact Melanson.Kate@epa.gov for assistance.

The meeting and public hearing will be live streamed via Zoom at <https://usepa.zoomgov.com/j/1605125622?pwd=TXkyY29CNG9vR2tvUEkraWNONm82dz09>. People may watch and listen to the public meeting and public hearing using this virtual option, however public comments will not be accepted over zoom. Those who wish to comment during the public hearing can attend in person, or use the noted email box or voicemail box to submit comments.

All comments timely received will be reviewed and considered by the Region, along with other available information. If, after evaluating this material, EPA's Regional Administrator continues to believe that the proposed project may create a significant public health hazard, he will then forward the information to the EPA Administrator with a recommended conclusion that the project may contaminate the aquifer through the recharge zone so as to create a significant hazard to public health. The EPA Administrator will then make a final determination. Should this determination become final, no commitment of federal financial assistance (through a grant, contract, loan guarantee, or otherwise) may be allowed.

More Information:

EPA information on [Cape Cod Sole Source Aquifer](https://www3.epa.gov/region1/eco/drinkwater/capecod.html) and EPA documents about the draft determination: <https://www3.epa.gov/region1/eco/drinkwater/capecod.html>

To join the May 24 public meeting or formal public hearing by Zoom:

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<https://usepa.zoomgov.com/j/1605125622?pwd=TXkyY29CNG9vR2tvUEkraWNONm82dz09>

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